

the Fifty-seventh Congress, while to leave an unfinished tariff bill in committee on the 4th of March would prove disastrous to the business prosperity of the country.

### THREE NEW STARS FOR THE FLAG

There were many important matters left in committee and in conference when Congress adjourned last summer and they will, of course, take precedence over new legislation. The first measure to demand the attention of the Senate will be the "Omnibus Statehood Bill," which will be reported December 3rd, and will become the unfinished business on the tenth day of the session. There is already a large lobby in Washington to further the interests of this measure and Senator Beveridge and other members of the Senate Territorial Committee are touring the Territories preparatory to bringing in their report. The bill, as passed by the House and referred to the Senate Committee, confers Statehood on Oklahoma, Arizona and New Mexico, but there is a considerable faction which favors the annexation of Indian Territory to Oklahoma Territory, and the admission of the whole as one State. This faction is likely to make itself heard in the Senate and prolong the debate.

### SEVERAL LEFT OVER BILLS

Another important measure passed by the House and left in a Senate committee is the Immigration Bill, which places certain restrictions on foreign immigration. The bill has many zealous advocates who believe the future of the United States is menaced by the influx of immigration from lower Europe and they will press its passage. On the other hand, there are in Washington strong lobbies representing the steamship interests and those of certain railroads whose connections with Canadian lines afford them considerable profit, who will use every effort to defeat the proposed restriction.

In House committees were left the Ship Subsidy Bill, the Fowler Currency Bill, the Lacey Public Land Bill, and a number of others, none of which can be speedily disposed of. In conference is the Anti-Anarchy Bill which must necessarily take some time unless the conferees arrive at a prompt agreement which is regarded as improbable. In addition to the important measures mentioned there are fourteen regular appropriation bills, likely to involve approximately \$750,000,000, with perhaps several urgency deficiency bills, so that it will be seen Congress will have little time to spare.

Cuban reciprocity has not been referred to for the reason that there is still considerable doubt of the possibility of effecting a treaty for submission to the Senate.

Negotiations with Colombia are at a standstill but should they be resumed they would result in another treaty for the Senate to ratify.

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God's response to the fears of man is always "Fear not."—Abbott.

## STATE NEWS

### FROM CURRITUCK TO CHEROKEE.

#### Items of Interest Gleaned From Our Correspondents and Exchanges.

Rev. Dr. Cave, of Paducah, Ky., has been called to the pastorate of the First Presbyterian Church, of Raleigh.

Durham Sun: Mr. H. A. Reams, on the 21st of November, had from his garden, from a second planting, snap-beans, butter-beans, cucumbers and tomatoes. This is something remarkable for this time of the year.

Statesville Mascot: This has been a remarkable fall. The cotton in the fields around Statesville is still blooming, the roses are full of buds and blooms, and the grass is springing up almost as it does in springtime.

Raleigh News and Observer: The organization of the Oak City Warehouse and Investment Company, of Raleigh, which is organized with a capital of \$50,000 to promote the tobacco interests of Raleigh, has been completed.

Greenville Reflector: Friday Mr. Allen Warren, of Riverside Nursery, brought us three pears that are of the second crop this year in his orchard. The variety is Warren's Ever-bearing Leconte, and they are well developed and of excellent flavor.

Landmark: Judge Fred. Moore did a wise and proper thing in removing the Wilcox case from Pasquotank County. It is as plain as anything could be that the feeling there is so strong against Wilcox that a fair and impartial trial in his case was entirely out of the question.

Congressman Pou has received a communication from Hon. A. W. Machen, superintendent of free delivery, in which he states that, owing to the fact that the appropriation for rural free delivery service is exhausted, no additional routes will be ordered in operation before the first day of February.

News and Observer: Some time ago it was announced that Mr. C. G. Latta, of this city, would enter suit for damages against the company in New York by whose electric street car he was so badly hurt some months ago. This has been done, the damages asked being \$60,000, the suit being brought in the United States Circuit Court in New York City.

Jonesboro dispatch, 27th: The most high-handed and successful piece of robbery in the history of Moore County was perpetrated here this morning about 1 o'clock, when two professional safe-crackers dynamited the safe of Watson & Godfrey, stole \$3,000 in money and \$2,000 in North Carolina bonds, and made their escape. The robbery was not discovered until about daylight, when bloodhounds were put upon the track and trailed the parties to Sanford, where they must have boarded a southbound train upon the Seaboard.

The ladies of the Rex Hospital Aid Association, Raleigh, desire to inform physicians living out of the city that a female patient can be treated free of charge in the Memorial cot. Full particulars can be obtained by writing to Mrs. Lawrence, Rex Hospital, or to Mrs. Walter A. Montgomery, Raleigh. Many patients have been successfully treated in this cot, and it is the desire of the ladies that it shall never remain unoccupied. Everything is furnished entirely free of charge.

On Thanksgiving night Raleigh's annual intercollegiate debate was held at the Academy of Music between representatives of Richmond College and Wake Forest College. The question for debate was: "Resolved, That American honor demands that we grant independence to the Philippine Islands." Richmond had the affirmative, its debaters being Lane Lacy and John W. Kinchelso, while the champions of the negative for Wake Forest were F. J. Sherwood and James Royall. The cup was awarded to Richmond College.

Raleigh Cor. Messenger: So rapidly has the work of building the main building at the Methodist Orphanage here been pushed that the brick work will be completed by the end of this month. It is a large and inspiring building.—It is learned that the increase of the school fund from fines this year is something like \$30,000. It is also said that a number of towns do not impose any fines, and thus the schools do not get money which they ought to receive.—There is certainly an increase in reading in the country as well as in cities and towns. The rural free delivery and the rural school free library are prime causes. In fact, the increase in reading in the country is no doubt more than in the towns. The Raney Library has unquestionably stimulated reading in Raleigh.

Statesville Landmark: The case of E. L. Utley, the young man of wealth and prominent family who, while drunk, on the 25th of October, killed T. B. Hollingsworth, night clerk in the hotel at Fayetteville, was called for trial in Cumberland Superior Court this week, but was postponed on motion of the defendant's counsel, who announced that the defense would be insanity, and that they desired to summon witnesses from Florida to testify. Of course, Utley was doubtless crazy drunk, but that should not save him from the fate he deserves. The killing was apparently without provocation, and the blood of the murdered man cries from the ground. Men who get crazy drunk and commit crimes are not excusable in law or common sense. Our Supreme Court has said over and over again that drunkenness is not an excuse for crime.

Charlotte Observer: The meeting of representative citizens of this county with Mr. Boushee, of the Postoffice Department, in Charlotte, Monday, in the interest of the extension of the rural free delivery sys-

tem all over Mecklenburg, was highly important. It means much in the way of facilitating the reading of fresh newspapers and thus in the spread of intelligence. Like the telephone, it puts the county in touch with the centers of population and relieves country life of its only drawback that is worth considering, the only drawback that renders it less desirable than town life—loneliness. It has been suggested that some of the by-routes in this county will suffer for the lack of this great adjunct of modern life by reason of the lack of bridges over considerable streams, but the County Commissioners will doubtless look after and relieve this trouble.

### Raising More Revenue.

Unquestionably the greatest of all the matters to come before the Legislature will be that of raising money, getting more taxes. Some persons have thought there would be an issue of bonds to meet, among other things, the \$325,000 deficit which has resulted last year and this year from the big appropriations made in 1901 and the failure of the new revenue law to raise enough money to meet them. The Legislature expected great things from that revenue act, but the performance by no manner of means equaled the promise.

To-day your correspondent specially interviewed State Auditor Dixon, who for two years has closely studied this important question of how, in a proper way, to raise an ample sum by taxation, and asked him what he would in his report to the Legislature urge it to do in this matter. He replied:

"I will earnestly recommend a State tax on all bar-rooms, dispensaries, whiskey distilleries and rectifying establishments. Tennessee gets \$215,000 annually from this source, and Virginia \$312,000. You ask me how much North Carolina gets. Why, only \$8,000. That is about all we receive. You know there will be a new and increased assessment of railroad property next year. There will also then be a reassessment of all real estate. The new tax will therefore be levied on a general reassessment. All improvements made on property are to be added to this reassessment, so you will readily see there will be a considerable increase of the tax lists."—Raleigh Cor. Charlotte Observer.

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The official vote for State Superintendent shows that Joyner (Dem.) received 135,380 votes; Long (Rep.) 68,209. Joyner's majority, 67,631. For Corporation Commissioner (omitting the vote of Forsyth, missing), Beddingfield (Dem.), 133,342; Abbott (Rep.), 67,474. Beddingfield's majority, 65,868. For Chief Justice Judge Clark, Democratic candidate, received 132,739 votes, while Judge Hill, Republican, candidate, received 70,304, giving Clark a majority of 62,435.